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Note verbale dated 13 June 2002 from the Permanent Mission of Mali to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of Mali to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) and, in reply to his note of 7 March 2002, has the honour to inform him of the measures taken by the Government of Mali to implement Security Council resolution 1390 (2002).

1. The information available to the Government leads it to conclude that in Mali there are no funds or other financial assets or economic resources belonging to the individuals, groups or entities referred to in resolution 1390 (2002), or funds derived from property owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by them. Nevertheless, the national financial and banking institutions have been requested to declare, if the case arises, any funds, financial assets or other economic resources belonging to Osama bin Laden, members of the Al-Qa`idah organization, the Taliban and other individuals, groups or entities associated with them, and to freeze them without delay.

2. The persons, entities and groups referred to in resolution 1390 (2002) are prohibited from entry into or transit through the territory of the Republic of Mali.

3. With respect to paragraph 2 (c) of resolution 1390 (2002), which mentions the direct or indirect supply, sale and transfer of arms and related materiel of all types, Malian law severely punishes any infractions of arms regulations, and the bearing, sale and circulation of arms are strictly controlled.

Mali does not manufacture firearms, munitions or other weapons of destruction. On its initiative, however, the Heads of State and Government of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) declared a moratorium on the import, export and manufacture of light weapons in West Africa. This moratorium has served as a model for Africa, and has inspired the establishment of other initiatives in other subregions, particularly southern Africa and the Horn of Africa.

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